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FROM THE DESK OF DON PATTON

Lupron Sales and Marketing Practices Investigation December 3, 1997

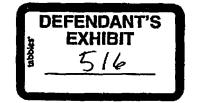
TAP and Abbot have become aware that the government is investigating the sales and marketing practices of the Lupron product line. TAP and Abbott are fully cooperating with the investigation, and request that you retain all records regarding Lupron.

Recently, some employees have been contacted by government representatives. In the unlikely event that you are contacted, you have several options. It is solely up to you whether to submit to the interview immediately, to refuse to be interviewed at all, or to inform the representatives that you wish to consult with someone, such as a lawyer or company representative, before deciding whether to submit to the interview at a later, mutually convenient time.

While you are free to decide for yourself whether and when to do an interview with a government official, TAP requests that you inform Ken Greisman, Lawyer in the Abbott Legal Department at (847) 937-5726, of the interview request prior to submitting to any interview. If you are approached by a media representative regarding this issue, direct the person or persons to Karmin Maritato, Manager, Abbott Public Affairs Department at (847) 937-7761.

Over the years, we have taken great care to ensure that our practices are within all guidelines. We believe that this investigation will show that TAP has always operated completely within the regulations governing pharmaceuticals promotion.

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